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1. SUMMARY: PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE G-77
RESULTED IN A RESOLUTION (SEE REFTEL) BY THE ECOSOC
CONVENING IN PRINCIPLE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN
1980, IF POSSIBLE, WITH A DEFINITIVE DECISION TO BE
TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION IN
1979. END SUMMARY

2. NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN IN EARNEST AT MID-WEEK IN AN
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INFORMAL WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY FIRST COMMITTEE VICE-
CHAIRMAN ABUAH (NIGERIA). AFTER NUMEROUS DELAYS CAUSED
BY LACK OF PARTICIPATION BY THE G-77, G-77 COUNTER-
RESOLUTION WAS FINALLY PROPOSED CONTAINING UNACCEPTABLE
LANGUAGE LINKING PROGRESS ON THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS TREATY
WITH MOVEMENT IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS, AND
CONTINUING THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP

UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ECOSOC SHOULD DECIDE TO ESTABLISH PREPARATORY COMMITTEES BOTH FOR AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS CONFERENCE AND A CONFERENCE ON THE CODE. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TWO DRAFTS WERE DEADLOCKED AS G-77 DELS STATED AND RESTATED THEIR APPARENTLY DEEPLY HELD CONVICTION THAT THE CODE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED ONCE THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS ACCORD WAS CONCLUDED. ALGERIAN DELEGATE, AT ONE POINT, BROKE LINKS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN REJECTING A COMPROMISE BEING PUT FORTH BY JAMAICA SPOKESMAN. USSR DEL MADE NUMEROUS NEGATIVE INTERVENTIONS DEPLORING THE WORKING GROUP'S LACK OF PROGRESS, AND GENERALLY ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH THE G-77.

3. MOVEMENT TOWARDS COMPROMISE BEGAN WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A DRAFT BY SWEDEN DESIGNED TO BRIDGE THE RATHER WIDE GAP REMAINING, AND WITH HIGH-LEVEL US PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP WHICH MADE CLEAR THAT US WOULD NOT BE PUT IN POSITION WHERE PROGRESS ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS COULD BE HELD HOSTAGE TO PROGRESS ON THE CODE. THREAT OF A BREAKDOWN ON THIS POINT LED TO A LATE NIGHT G-77 MEETING THURSDAY WHICH PRODUCED A MODEST FLEXIBILITY, LEADING TO CONSENSUS AGREEMENT FRIDAY MORNING, APPROVED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE FRIDAY MORNING AND THE PLENARY SESSION AT ITS CLOSE FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

4. KEY FIGURES IN PRODUCING COMPROMISE WERE AMBASSADOR HILL OF JAMAICA, WHO WAS ABLE TO MODERATE G-77 POSITION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABUAH OF NIGERIA, WHO CHAIRED INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSIONS MONDAY-THURSDAY AND MOVED NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD MASTERFULLY WITH IMAGINATIVE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE AT SEVERAL STAGES AND KEPT UP THE PRESSURE TO REACH A SOLUTION, THE SWEDISH DELEGATE (JOHDAL), WITH A TIMELY AND USEFUL COMPROMISE PROPOSAL, THE EC-9 THROUGH FRG SPOKESMAN KOCH, AND UK (BRIAN DONELLY) INTERVENTIONS THAT WERE UNIFORMLY CONSTRUCTIVE, AND JEREMY KINSMAN OF CANADA, WHO MADE STRONG INTERVENTIONS IN VERY FIRM LANGUAGE ON THE BEHALF OF CO-SPONSORS UNTIL AMB VANDEN HEUVEL TOOK ON THAT ROLE.

VANDEN HEUVEL

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